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## **IN THE ABSTRACT**

Please delete the Abstract of the Disclosure and replace it with the following new Abstract:

--A device to adjust the effective length of a sling during the transport of a load is designed as a continuous loop with a carrier part. The carrier part has projections located at each of two opposed spaced sites. Each of said projections supports a segment of the sling. The carrier part also has an opening through which a loop segment of the sling is guided.--